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Mr. Harry E. Fitzwater
Acting Director of Personnel
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Dear Mr. Fitzwater:

I am pleased to inform you that we are now accepting nominations for the second presentation of the Congressional Excalibur Award for outstanding government achievement.

February 1, 1980, is the deadline for your agency to submit one or more nominations to this office. Nominations received after this date will be considered for future awards; three Excalibur Awards -- in the form of honorary citations -- will be presented at special ceremonies in the U.S. Capitol during this year.

Normally, each award will be given to one individual; but a small team of persons who have worked jointly on a government project may also be considered. All federal career civilian and military employees are eligible and can be nominated by heads and other officials of federal departments and agencies as well as from other organizations and the general public. The summary of each individual's achievements accompanying the letter of nomination should be limited to one page.

First recipient of the Excalibur Award presented on November 29, 1979, was Frank J. Nola, a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) engineer who is employed at the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Alabama.

Nola was cited for inventing and developing a motor that can reduce electric power use in home and industry and

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could conceivable save this nation substantial amounts of money and oil each year.

I am enclosing our press statement on Nola's achievement to give you more background and a better picture of the scope of the first awards program.

If I can provide any other information on this Congressional award, please let me know. In the meantime, thank you for your strong support in helping to launch the Excalibur Award and to focus public attention on the positive values of government service.

Sincerely,


Michael D. Barnes

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BARNES LAUNCHES "EXCALIBUR AWARD"

Washington, D.C. -- A National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) engineer who invented and developed an energy-saving device for electric motors, is the recipient today of Rep. Michael D. Barnes' (D-8-Md.) first "Excalibur Award" for outstanding government achievement.

Mr. Frank J. Nola of the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, is being cited at 11 A.M. in the U.S. Capitol for his notable work in producing a simple and inexpensive device that is expected to save both money and energy for its industrial, commercial, and home consumers.

NASA has patented the instrument that can cut power consumption by 30 to 60 percent on, for example, typewriters, washers, refrigerators, fans, and industrial sewing machines. Nearly 40 companies are already licensed to manufacture the device called a "power factor controller," which is currently being produced in several locations in the United States.

It is estimated that a mere four percent average reduction of power used by electric motors could save the nation up to one quarter million barrels of oil each day and over \$1 billion annually.

Congressman Barnes is being joined by House Speaker Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill, Jr. in honoring Nola with this first presentation of the award. A freshman Congressman, Barnes initiated the "Excalibur Award" in an effort

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to recognize federal civilian and military employees who work diligently at solving the nation's problems and are mindful of the cost-effectiveness of public programs.

Hoping also to counteract a frequent negative perception of federal employees, Barnes says, "It is my experience that the vast majority of government workers are dedicated public servants who make tremendous contributions to our nation, to science, technology, and the quality of life."

Barnes initiated the award to increase public understanding and appreciation of the positive aspects of government service, and to encourage federal workers to continue to strive for excellence and others to explore federal career opportunities.

Nola was selected from 120 nominees whose efforts, for example, include:

Employing the handicapped, enlisting senior citizens in environmental programs, removing asbestos materials from schools, investigating and convicting multinational corporations of criminal activity, generating energy from ocean waves, developing a new technique of spinal surgery, improving airport customs procedures, and saving lives through heroic deeds and spectacular rescue operations.

The "Excalibur Award" Selection Committee members include:

Chairman Harry McPherson, former White House Counsel to President Johnson; Hon. Joseph D. Tydings, attorney and former U.S. Senator from Maryland; Nicholas Nolan, Secretary-Treasurer of the American Federation of Government Employees; Dr. Estelle Ramey, Professor of Physiology and Biochem-

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istry at Georgetown University and member of President Carter's Advisory Committee for Women; Gary Hymel, Administrative Assistant to Speaker of the House O'Neill; John Heller, Assistant to the U.S. Comptroller General and Administrator of the Policy and Program Planning Office of the General Accounting Office (GAO); and Robert R. Nathan, Economic Consultant and Chairman of the Rockefeller Public Service Awards Selection Committee.

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